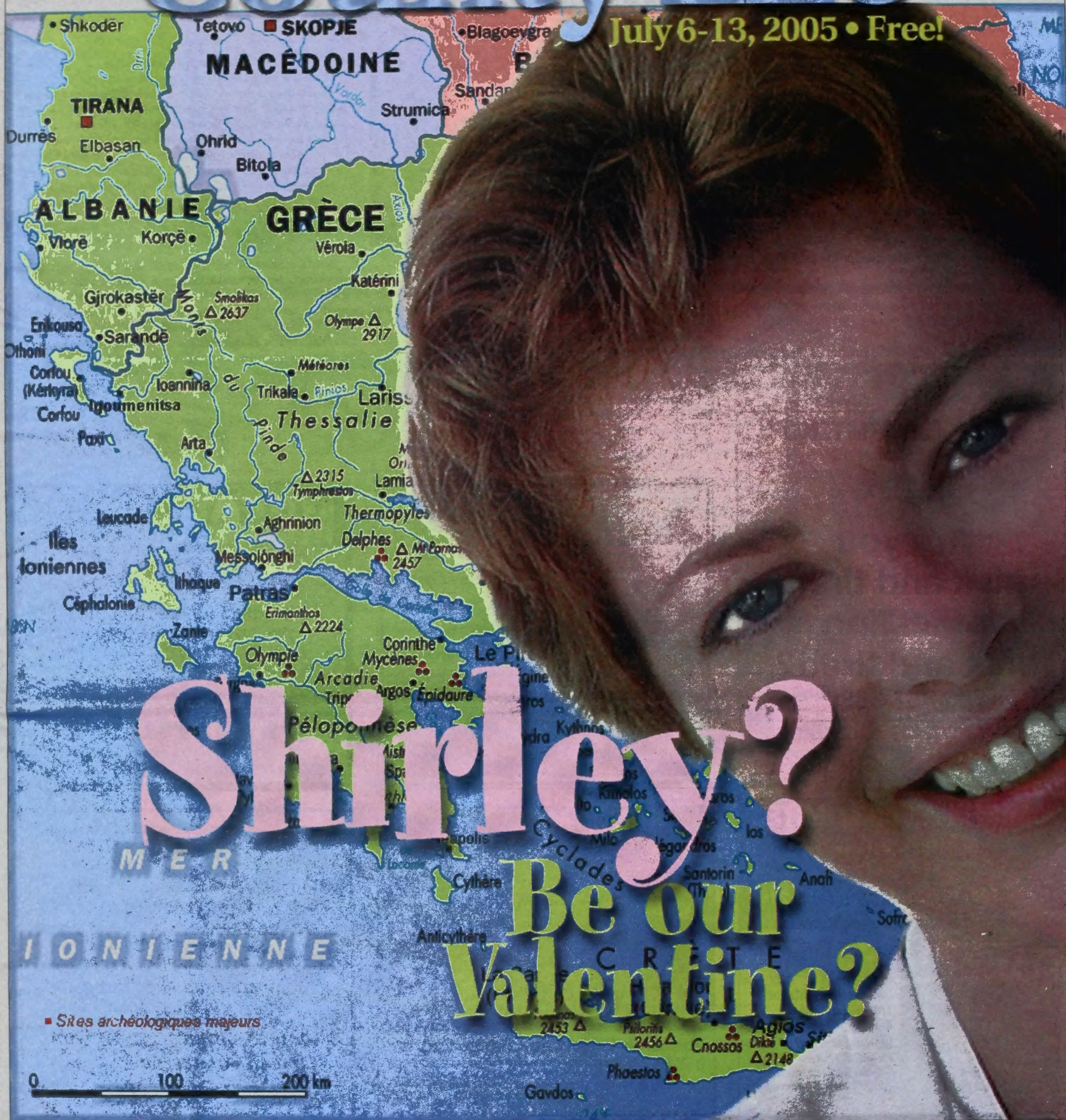


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We had joy, we had fun, we had 11 (count 'em) Seasons in the sun

Living by the Lake by Ross Jarvis

The Seasons.

Moving from Toronto to Haliburton increased the Seasons of the Year from four to 21. Maybe even more. There are at least 21 distinct seasons that are unique to us and completely unheard of in T.O.

Let's start with **The Ice Going Out**. Always worth watching, as the wind pushes thousands of tons of ice hither and yon, often carrying the occasional dock away with it. Good-bye ice.

And then with warmer weather comes **Maple Syrup Season**. Few know the bliss of tasting the sweet nectar almost straight from the tree.

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Fiddlehead Season is often a secret foray into the forest, to a spot only you (or your sister, in my case) know. You proudly produce a dish of fresh fiddleheads for Sunday dinner.

The return of the Canada Geese produces the **Geese Landing Like A Squadron of Concorde in Your Bay** season. Then they have a quick meeting, all honking at



once, and decide to paddle in one direction. Which they do in silence. Absolute Disney.

(This is followed a few weeks later by Mother Goose parading across the bay with 10 to 13 goslings stringing along behind her.)

Twenty-Fourth of May, Putting the Dock In. (Cottagers and gung-ho locals.) I wait until June has warmed up the water a little. However, once the dock (and boats) are in, we have ...

Fishing From the Dock After Dinner Season. Beautifully relaxing half-hour, casting a line before sun-down, watching the lake quiet down to millpond stillness and occasionally pulling in a breakfast-worthy

bass. This just doesn't happen in the city.

Once the kids are out of school and the cottagers are back for the summer, we have **New Bigger and Faster Boats Season**. This is a spectator sport that could rival the annual car show down in the city. It's not like there's a parade or anything. It happens over the first couple of weekends, until gradually every new boat has made an appearance. Usually accompanied by my son going, "Wow, did you see that the Hendersons have a new Grew ... did you see the size of that out-board? Dad why don't we..."

At this point I usually interrupt with something like "Just keep paddling."

Bonfire Season (between dusk and dawn), usually a weekend phenomenon; creates a wonderfully warm glow as they pop up around the bay, often accompanied by singing, and always accompanied by laughter. Hardly ever happens in Toronto.

Okay, that's 11 different seasons and counting. I'm not going to go into the fall today, because **Autumn** in Haliburton is so spectacular it deserves at least a column and probably a whole section, of its own. And as for **Winter** ... nobody really wants to think about winter right now, right? That's what I thought.

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ABOUT OUR COVER

Got your tickets yet to see Shirley Valentine? You won't want to miss this wildly funny one-woman Highlands Summer Festival presentation starring Fiona Stewart (pictured on our cover, photographed by Lance Crossley with some illustration work by Cathy Olliffe). Fiona had to memorize SIXTY-THREE pages of dialogue for this show, a completely amazing feat. Shirley is a character middle-aged women, in particular, will identify with: bored, confused with a complete lack of identity. She goes on a trip to Greece, takes a lover and finds herself. A tour de force! See the



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Shirley? Be our Valentine?

Famous Shirleys

In honour of our cover girl, Shirley Valentine, County Life looks at some other interesting Shirleys

Shirley Temple: so adorable you might just want to puke. All ringlets and dimples, she's been retired for about a billion years but there are still websites devoted to her. If you're really silly about Shirley you might want to buy one of her dolls: www.shirleytempldolls.com.

Shirley Jones: in some circles she will always be remembered as that wholesome gal in *The Surrey with the Fringe On Top*, one of the great musical numbers from *Oklahoma!* Forty-something baby boomers, however, know Shirley from *The Partridge Family*, the 1970s pop sensation that also starred

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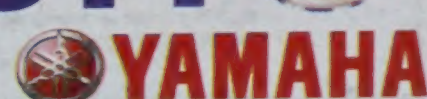
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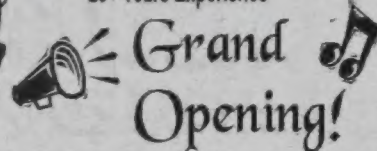
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hockey and baseball, it's the only spectator sport I can think of where a blind man could really do well as a referee. The object, in a nutshell, is to

Opening night

Highlands Summer Festival launches summer season

The summer theatre season has begun in Haliburton. The Highlands Summer Festival opened Monday, July 4 with the fun-filled musical, *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter*. The first week also includes the opening, on Wednesday, July 6, of the humorous and poignant *Shirley Valentine*.

Opening Monday July 11 is the rollicking comedy, *The Affections of May*, written by one of Canada's most prolific playwrights, Norm Foster.

Opening Wednesday, July 13, the fourth show in this summer's line-up is the Festival's Chamber Music Concert, *Dances with Wolfgang*, with a new dimension of dance added to this popular presentation.

The Festival is staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton. A comfortable, air-conditioned theatre, the Pavilion provides an intimate theatrical experience from every seat in the house.

The four productions are presented in repertory, with each of the productions offered once each week starting July 11.



David Archibald's new play, *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter* debuts at Highlands Summer Festival.

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The Affections of May
by Norm Foster

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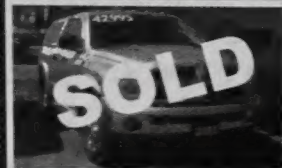
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Sensational Shirley

Middle-aged angst is the fun-filled topic for one-woman comedy

Story & photo by Lance Crossley

Anyone who has ever experienced the spiritual angst of middle age is bound to enjoy the Haliburton Highlands Summer Festival's one-woman production of *Shirley Valentine*, says actress Fiona Stewart.

"The themes are great," says Stewart, who plays the title character in the production. "It's about middle age frustration. It's about potential, the ruts you get yourself into, and what you want out of life. Are you going to settle or go for it?"

The play is a poignant comedy about a disgruntled British housewife who feels stifled in her life. In an attempt to dig herself out of a rut, she embarks for Greece on a journey of self-discovery that eventually sheds a new perspective on her life.

Written by Willy Russell in what is by far his most renowned hit, the play has been performed all over the world and was even made into a movie in the late '80s. The desolation of feeling you are doing life wrong is a theme that still attracts audiences today.

"It's a comedic take on life's journey," says Stewart. "There are a lot of things that people should be able to relate to."

Stewart has been rehearsing with director Kay Valentine (yes, same last name as Shirley) three times a week since April. Aside from the mammoth task of memorizing the 63 pages of dialogue, Stewart suggests there is also the considerable responsibility of carrying an entire show on one set of shoulders.

"You have to keep it interesting. It's not a lecture," says Stewart, who works at the Domain of Killien and has just opened her own jewellery store in Haliburton.

Stewart has been involved with the festival for three years now but this is her first time participating as a full-time resident of the Highlands. She remembers how she first became interested in theatre back in Grade 7 when students were given a choice between typing or theatre.



Fiona Stewart stars in *Shirley Valentine*.

"I didn't learn to type until university when my first essay was due," smiles the 41-year-old.

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ner, a 10-year-old boy, presented tattered running shoes so foul that they forced one judge to gag, another to take a step back, and the third, a



Dancin' fools

Story by Bryn Weese • Photos by Darren Lum

They're dressed like pineapples, they have two left feet and they could die at any moment. So what else is new?

Neither of us could make any sense of what we were doing. Steve Galea and I accept that from time to time these stories get out of hand, but

cruising down Highway 118 bound for Carnarvon with a truckload of Hawaiian paraphernalia, we were dumbfounded. "She told me Hawaiian dancing," I

assured my trusted sidekick and radio DJ who, for the umpteenth time, had asked me to elaborate on our marching orders from none other than Parsimonious Perkins.

I didn't know why she had told us to take a Hawaiian dancing lesson from Breanne Mansfield at Carnarvon Bowl and Billiard. My cell phone connection was crackling when we spoke and I had neither the time nor the gall to ask.

Never one to point fingers at Perkins, I was sure she must have suffered a terrible self-inflicted blow to the head with a coconut. Steve has since told me it happens to her quite frequently.

When we arrived at Carnarvon Bowl, my keen ability to read people's emotions told me something was amiss when we met Breanne.

"Why are you both wearing grass skirts?" she asked.

A silly question, I thought to myself. She was, after all, a Hawaiian dance teacher.

"And why do you have an orchid behind your ear, and you, a lei around your neck?" she added, turning red with laughter.

The friendly crowd in the bowling café witnessing this exchange was reasonably

tolerant of our attire. It is not every day that two grown men, maybe even a tad overgrown men, come to bowl wearing hula skirts, orchids and colourful leis.

"We're here to dance," I stated proudly. "We want to be just like Don Ho!"

Instantly, the crowd's reaction told me I had just made things a lot worse. (I now suspect it is even rarer to see two overgrown men wearing hula skirts, orchids and colourful leis in a bowling alley, not bowling, but dancing.)

As the crowd roared with laughter, Breanne led us to the stage where our lesson would take place.

"Bryn," Steve said quietly as we stretched (like seasoned acrobats) on the floor, "did you know Hawaiian music was so similar to Scottish music?" Steve was referring to the bagpipe tune that Breanne had selected for our lesson.

"No I didn't, Steve," I replied loudly, sensing a Mr. Know-it-all moment.

"The Scots and the Hawaiians actually have a long established cultural connection. Did you know that bagpipes were invented in Hawaii?"

Breanne heard Steve's remark, as he had intended, and could not hold her tongue any longer.

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Labrador retriever, to roll several times on top of the sneakers. The good news is, the dog somehow survived. The bad news is that these shoes



Bryn and Steve give Highland dancing their best shot but even teacher Breanne Mansfield had her work cut out for her.

You say Highland, they say Hawaiian

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she easily contorted herself into a stretch position that would kill any normal, stiff-limbed man. "And why are you both wearing such ridiculous, completely inappropriate costumes?"

I couldn't believe that even Breanne, a Hawaiian dance teacher, would judge us so harshly.

"We are dressed like this because we wanted to take this lesson seriously," Steve gasped while folding his body like a pretzel with surprising ease.

"You wore a grass skirt, a flower and a frilly necklace to a Highland dance lesson to be serious?"
A what lesson? Oh no...

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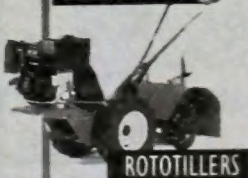
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very nearly ruined road killed skunk for him. For this incredible achievement, the young lad received a \$500 savings bond, a \$100 cheque for

'Suddenly the bagpipe music made sense'

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Suddenly the bagpipe music made sense. So too did the giant sign above the stage that read "Mansfield School of Highland Dance." I'd been looking at it thinking what an unfortunate typo that was.

"I thought Martha said Hawaiian dancing, not Highland dancing," I sheepishly explained while trying to wrap my leg behind my head.

I was beside myself with embarrassment. Steve, on the other hand, was cool as a cucumber – albeit a contorted one who looked very uncomfortable. He mumbled something about me not knowing the ultimate shame, being on a parade float wearing nothing but Spandex.

"This is nothing," he exclaimed as I heard his leg snap and his back crack.

It appeared as though Breanne was also unfazed by the mix-up. She had believed my excuse to be legit (sucker!) and had accepted my apologies and my insistence that we meant no disrespect to her craft.

I am truly glad she believed us, for she was now brandishing two very shiny, very sharp and very pointy swords.

"Whaa...aa..t are those for," Steve quivered as we stood from our stretching to prepare for our lesson.



Steve and Bryn: graceful they ain't.

"The dance," Breanne replied.

Fair enough, I thought. She was the one with the swords.

It turned out that the Lochaber Broadsword dance is a Highland, not Hawaiian, dance traditionally performed before battle (back when Scots still battled) to prophesize the outcome of the fighting.

Soon-to-be warriors would have their best dancer...uhh...dance the Lochaber Broadsword the night before battle. If the dancer made no mistakes, it was considered a good omen and a sure sign of victory. If the dancer did not perform well, it was considered a bad sign and certain loss in battle. In the latter case, the dancer would be killed.

"Talk about bravery," Steve said.

"You mean betting your life on the outcome of a prediction," I answered.

"No, dancing in front of hundreds of armed men," Steve answered.

As Breanne explained, mistakes are hard to avoid for a Highland dancer during the Lochaber Broadsword.

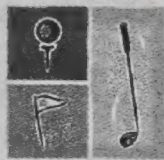
It is a mistake to touch the sword, even accidentally, before the dancer has completed the dance. If that should happen, the dancer is killed. If a dancer misses a step – killed! If the dancer forgets to "beat the back foot" – killed! If the dancer

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new sneakers, and a generous supply of Odor-Eaters products. I'm hoping his parents received grief counselling too. But was it worth it? In a

'Gulp,' sez Steve

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sneezes – killed! If the dancer looks too happy or too sad – killed! In fact, most Highland dancers of the Lochaber Broadsword wound up dead from one mistake or another. That may explain why the dance is so unpopular today among Highland dancers. It may also explain why Martha asked Breanne specifically that Steve and I dance the Lochaber.

Not knowing how serious Breanne took her Highland dancing, I could sense from Steve's melodramatic "GULP" that he and I hoped for the same thing. Either that the archaic rules which once governed the Lochaber Broadsword dance were now forgotten that they didn't extend to Hawaiian dancers dancing the Lochaber Broadsword. We both anticipated a lot of mistakes.

Either way, my fears were unfounded. I danced perfectly that day.

Like a heron hunting prey from a lakeshore, even Breanne was impressed with my finesse.

She said that my *pas-de-Basques* were the Paddiest, my high-cuts the sharpest, my flings the most fanciful and my lilt the liltiest that she had seen all day. Did I mention that Breanne is a professional Highland dance teacher?

"My lessons don't start until eight tonight," she told me just as I began to glow with pride. Regardless, my moves were still the best she'd seen all day.

After learning the five basic positions of Highland dancing, and a few run-throughs of the Lochaber Broadsword dance, Breanne and I decided that we should end the lesson. I was shamefully too good for my first time as a Highland dancer and Steve had quit hours before,

Breanne teaches Steve the sword dance... sort of. Nobody knows what the pineapple is for, but even sure looks cute with the flower behind his ear!



lying passed out across his sword on the floor (breaking rules one through 983).

As stipulated in the Lochaber Broadsword Constitution section nine paragraph three, if we didn't leave soon, Steve wasn't going to leave at all.

"What are we doing next week," I asked Steve as we left Carnarvon with all of our limbs intact and the haunting mix-

up of Highland, not Hawaiian, behind us.

"Perkins said we're going to be spectacles at the Kinmount Icelandic festival," he replied.

"What?" I shrieked.

"Yeah, spectacles."

I sincerely hope Martha meant spectators.

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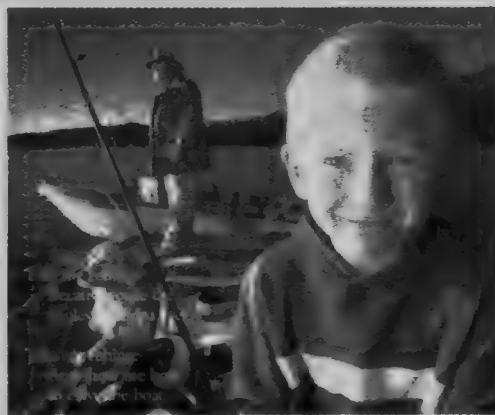
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post-competition interview, the boy proudly admitted that he wore those sneakers day in and day out for three years without ever wearing

Opening day

'Trusting the wind wasn't an act of blind faith'

Walking Softly by Steve Galea

I drank in the heady fragrance of woods, water, and a balmy summer wind, and knew immediately that returning to this lake was the right thing to do.

It was the first time I had looked upon these pristine waters since last bass season and, in many ways, it felt like I was like visiting an old friend. An osprey took flight and circled above the tree-tops, and it gave me comfort to think that this might be the same bird I had admired over the last two years. If so, he was a fishing buddy - far more accom-

plished, graceful, and no less enthusiastic than myself.

On the far shore, a sleek, red-coated deer came to water and faded back into the shadows as he caught my scent. And, as I launched, I judged it to be a good day.

Fly-fishing from a canoe in any sort of wind is not for those who lack patience. The problem, especially if you are alone, is that you can only do one thing at a time: control the canoe or fish. Most times, probably due to some sort of genetic defect, I choose the latter.

Which is why, a half hour later, I found myself shoulder to shoulder with the pencil weeds at the far end of the lake. I had finally conceded defeat and given up battling the wind. Now, I trusted it to take me to fish.

Trusting the wind wasn't, however, an act of blind faith. I knew that I'd be blown into this remote shallow bay where the biggest largemouth bass lurked. So, I tied on my favourite bass fly. Then I waited for the wind to settle, if only, for the duration of a cast.

When I caught my chance, I cast thirty feet of line out along the cluttered edge of the fertile lake. As soon as it hit the water, I inched the fly back, between slick lily pads and windblown pinweeds. It was a light blur, pulsating and giving the impression of life, running just beneath the tea-stained surface. But just as it passed a small reedy point, a dark shadow quickly overtook it.

Instinctively, I raised the rod and felt the savage weight of a good fish.

Feeling the hook, the great bass fled to deeper water and all I could do was hold my rod tip high and pray that the fly line at my feet didn't tangle. The fish parted cabbage weeds and coon tail and my line cut a vee in on the surface and it took twenty yards of line in a matter of seconds.

It rose from the water, as big bass do, with great effort and a power that could not overcome the combined forces of gravity and its own weight. A slow, lumbering leap filled with defiance and fury - for fish like these do not know what it's like to be prey. And when its tail almost



Osprey, wings spread.

cleared the water, it fell to the depths with a great splash.

I held on and used the reel's drag and my rod to the best advantage. Three runs later, I boated a hefty bass slightly greater than the length of a canoe paddle blade. Its sides were dark and emerald and it glistened beneath the illumination of the high sun. I regarded it closely, took two photos, and then carefully released the fish.

I did not need the bass, and like the osprey and the lake, I hoped we'd meet again.

- Steve Galea is an award-winning writer living on Vinegar Hill.

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socks. And, for the entire week prior to the contest, he bathed everything but his feet, which he managed to keep outside of the tub. To everyone

So beautiful, so unfair

Like so many others, Eva Stachniak has fallen in love with Countess Sophie Potocka

Story by Martha Perkins • Photo by Darren Lum

I imagine a woman so intoxicatingly beautiful that she can be born in poverty and die as one of the richest, most influential women in 18th Century Europe.

Then think of how that beauty can be turned against her. How the flame of desire can ignite jealousy. How envy can fester until it becomes hate.

And finally, picture yourself as an author who comes across such a woman while researching the heartbreaking history of Poland. See the author staring at a painting of this woman and imagining what thoughts are hidden behind the artist's brush.

Would you not want to know more? Could you stop yourself from creating an entire world around this fascinating but long, long dead enigma?

Eva Stachniak is just one of long line of people who has fallen in love with the Countess Sophie Potocka, née de Witt, née Glavani Celice. But she, at least, didn't want to take advantage of the courtesan's beauty. Instead, Stachniak (pronounced Stash-nee-ack) wanted to explore it, to understand its power and the way something so pure could become so destructive in other people's hearts.

This week, Harper Collins is publishing Stachniak's novel about the Countess Potocka's life, *Garden of Venus*. Although the book is fiction, it's based on Stachniak's research into this incredible woman's life and the tumultuous times in which she lived.

Born to an impoverished but ambitious Greek family in 1760, Sophie is forced to use her beauty as a commodity. It is her access into the most privileged courts of Europe – Versailles before the French Revolution, St. Petersburg before Catherine the Great takes control – and leads to a marriage with an aristocrat who owns a huge chunk of Poland. Sophie lets others use (and abuse) her beauty to satisfy their own desires until she learns how to wrest away control for herself.

Does this make her a whore, as her detractors accused her of being, or the 18th Century equivalent of a smart businesswoman who knows how to use her assets, and the weaknesses of others, to get the best deal for herself? Today she'd be a movie star (smarter than Marilyn Munro and more astute than Elizabeth Taylor) but in her day, marriage was the only path to financial security, let alone wealth.

Stachniak came across the beguiling Sophie while researching her first novel, *Necessary Lies*, which won the Amazon.com/Books in Canada First Novel Award in 2000. A communications professor at Sheridan College, Stachniak had written *Necessary Lies* in answer to the question she hears quite frequently: "Where are you from?"

"You can't understand me if you don't understand the history of Poland," says the Birchey Lake cottager. "Where are you from?" therefore becomes "Who are you?"

At first she would give people a sweeping historical overview of a country that has built its character on surviving tragedy (much like Canada has built its character on surviving winter). Because it sat between two great super powers – Russia in the east and Prussia in the west, not to mention the Scandinavian countries with their political aspirations in the north – Poland was constantly used as a battleground. The Tartars, Napoleon, Stalin, Hitler – they account for the deaths of millions of Poles. And those Poles who weren't killed outright were starved or kept in constant subjugation.

Remarkably, the Polish king was an elected position. This meant there was no guaranteed line of succession and the crown became one more thing to covet and fight over. However, once on the throne, the king was virtually powerless unless he had the support of the almighty ruling class – the nobles.

The nobles themselves were torn between who to support in all these bigger, more invasive power struggles. There was a clear affinity with Russia, but Russia was Orthodox, not Catholic. There was a clear affinity with Prussia, but Prussians spoke German, not Slavic.

As a result, they partitioned off parts of Poland until there was, quite literally, no Poland left. From 1795 to 1918 it was wiped off the map. (Asked if there was any happy time in Poland's history, Stachniak laughs and says, "It had a very good 16th and 17th Century.")

Stachniak was born in 1952 in a part of Poland that

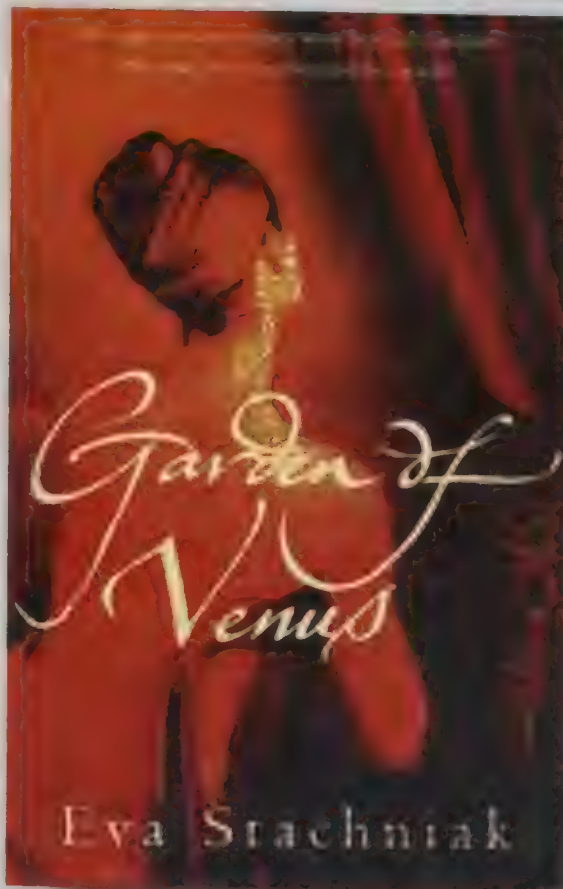
had been in Germany until 1945 (but part of Poland in the 13th Century.) For her, history was not something to be read in books. It was part of their lives.

"In Europe you live with the consequences of all this history; it's not abstract," she says. "World War II was not history, it was the pain in my mother's eyes, the ruins I saw out the window. You met people [from the concentration camps] with numbers tattooed on their arms."

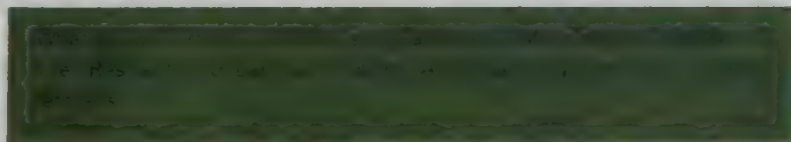
When she was at school, history lessons were all about winning and losing. "What I'm hoping for Poland," she says, "is that it will be able to discover other histories: Polish women, minorities, everyday lives."

After first immigrating to England, where she picked up the tony English accent that often seems to override

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but a ten-year-old boy, this sounds like a lot of work, but that's what it takes to be competitive in the big leagues. I don't know about you, but

Toughest challenge was finding a place to write

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any Polish inflections in her voice, Stachniak won a scholarship to McGill University and moved to Canada in 1981. Her husband, Zbigniew, is a professor of computer science at York University.

Necessary Lies is more akin to her story of immigration and it became the longer answer to the question, Where are you from? Garden of Venus is another immigration tale of sorts as she traces Sophie's journey from Greece to the great courts of Europe.

When it came to writing Garden of Venus, however, it became increasingly important for her to go beyond history's headlines. She wanted to find out what real life was like: what you did if you got cancer, how you fed your family, what the interior of a carriage was like. She also, through Sophie, wanted to explore what few options were available to women.

"It was such a misogynist world," she says. "If you were not part of the gentry, your life was pretty useless. That's why it's so important for Sophie to make the first marriage. She became part of the gentry class. You might not have money but you have rights."

In that world, a woman's virginity was a commodity that could be bartered off to the highest bidder. Sophie's was taken as a weapon to use against her. It was her first lesson about the dangers of confusing love with lust. Luckily, her mother taught her how to convince men that they were getting an unblemished prize and her first lover taught her how to use her body, and her charms, to convince men that they were getting a lot



Highlands' cottager Eva Stachniak with her brand new book.

more besides. (That was until she became too good of a student and he tried to prevent her from graduating.)

She herself "trades up" when it comes to marriage. Her first husband gives her legitimacy and an entrée into society. She takes it from there. Soon she is the belle of the ball, the toast of society, the coveted mistress. Husband number one allows himself to be divorced off so she can marry Count Felix Potocki (once his first wife can be bought off.) One of the saddest twists in her life is the way Felix's guilt and insecurities poison him. What at first seems like true love becomes a hurting hate.

Most of the characters in the book are real, as are most of the events. But history books about Napoleonic wars and regal courts usually don't include biographies on a soldier's daughter who nursed a cancer-ridden countess, or a doctor who was disdainful of his colleagues' dependence on leeches, so Stachniak had to create some of her characters from scratch. Still, her meticulous research made sure she kept them real.

The Internet was a big help. "There's a chat group for everything," she laughs. "Whatever subject you're interested in there's probably a group on the Internet who knows all about it."

For instance, she had to find out if a doctor could give a cancer patient morphine in 1822. "Within minutes [of posting the question on the Internet] I had my answer: rich patients, yes. Doctor from France, yes."

The toughest challenge was finding the mental space to write.

"Writing means being able to live in the world of characters and that means cutting yourself off from distractions. You need the peace and no reminders of the 21st Century."

Where could she find that? On a beautiful cottage lot in the Haliburton Highlands, of course.

It was her husband's idea to build a cottage. "We love the north," she says. "It's part of being Canadian."

The cottages they looked at were out of their budget and then their realtor introduced them to Birch Lake, just south of Kennisis Lake. Birch Lake is a small lake, with only seven lots and no boats allowed. They fell in love with the property, bought 10 acres and camped there until they started to build, starting with a "rustic cabin", aka a place without electricity or plumbing. Every year they'd work on their Highlands retreat; it's still not finished, of course, but their living conditions seem luxurious. Being able to plug in a computer and turn on the taps will do that to a place.

The cottage, however, has not lost its sense of being a retreat from the modern world. It's here that Stachniak did a lot of her writing for Garden of Venus, including the ending of the book.

Her husband Zbigniew also finds it a good place to write; it's funny to think of a computer professor writing about Canada's role in the development of the computer in a place that only recently hooked onto the electrical grid.

Haliburton embodies the sense of space helped forge the Canadian culture and kept us as a peaceful country. "It's great luck that we don't have to compete for territory or resources so that we don't have to compete with each other."

Now that she's allowed the writer in her to emerge, Stachniak cannot put that part of her back into the box of wife, mother and teacher. "I think I'm doomed," she laughs. "I don't think I can do anything else in life... It's my passion, where I find I can express my understanding of the world."

Stachniak may be doomed but her readers are blessed. With Stachniak as a guide into Sophie Potacka's world of sexual intrigue, deception and courage, readers are modern-day explorers of an uncharted territory of the past, marvelling at the discoveries they make along the way.

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Fact, fiction & true romance

Garden of Venus Eva Stachniak
2005, Harper Collins

Fact and fiction intermingle in *Garden of Venus*. Eva Stachniak tells the story of the real-life Countess Sophie Potocka. Born a Greek peasant, she climbs the social ladders of European society where she began as a courtesan. A real historical figure, Countess Potocka is a confidante to Europe's tsars, king and queens. Set in the late 18th and early 19th Century, the novel takes us from the olive groves in Greece to the markets in Istanbul and finally to the turbulent unrest of Poland where independence was lost and Napoleonic dreams led.

Initially the book begins as pure romance. Filled with passion and lust, Sophie Potocka is married twice and has several lovers, including a stepson whose child she bears. The main character makes numerous questionable choices.

Undeniably, the reader is given the impression that Countess Potocka was a woman of strength and intelligence, her beauty a part of her notoriety. This is a story of loyalties and identities. But this is no Harlequin romance. The historical facts are precise and well researched whether it be characters fleeing the French revolution to medical beliefs and practices of that time period. Throughout the novel I wished I had paid more attention in past history classes so that some of the historical characters would be more solid in my memory.

As Sophie Potocka lies on her deathbed in a morphine haze, the story is woven from past to present. Different characters take turn narrating: Sophie, her nurse, her children, doctors and the musicians who play for the dying Countess behind a curtain in her boudoir. Stachniak does an exceptional job of re-imagining the past; leaving the reader wondering if certain facts are truth or fiction.

Garden of Venus is Stachniak's second novel. An international success, the book is a best-seller in Greece and has just been published in the UK, New Zealand and Australia. Rights have also been sold in Italy, Spain, Brazil, Serbia and Poland. Her first novel, *Necessary Lies* won Amazon.com/Books in Canada First Novel Award in 2000.

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Redstone Lake

Saturday, July 9: Annual general meeting at the Haliburton Forest classroom starting at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will talk about the lake's history. A free lunch is to follow. Please come.

Glamor Lake

Saturday July 9: Annual general meeting at Glamorgan Community Centre, Gooderham. Meet your neighbour from 9 - 10 a.m. Refreshments. Meeting starts at 10:00 am. For further info call Lorrie Saville - 447-2427.

Drag Lake

Sunday, July 31: Fun Day and corn roast at Gonnens' (former Drag Lake Lodge) from 2 to 6 p.m. Contact Kimberley Bleas at 457-8371.

Kushog Lake

Friday, July 15: fun Golf Scramble at 10 a.m. rain or shine. \$40 per person includes nine holes of golf, outdoor bbq and prizes. Contact Jere Pike at 489-4838.

Saturday, July 30: Picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine Spring Valley Resort on Hwy 35. Land and water events for kids and adults, prizes; sail past for decorated

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Moore and East Moore Lakes, Gull River

Saturday, July 9: Annual general meeting at the Noble Motel, Hwy 35. Coffee and registration 9:30 - 10 a.m. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. Guest speakers Councillor Ingram Wessell and Bev Clark of the Lake Partner Program, Dorset Environmental Science Centre. Please bring a lawn chair.

Saturday, August 13: Play Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., All ages welcome. Fun activities and a hot dog lunch. at Lutterworth Park, Moore Falls. For more info call Brad or Debbie Marquardt at Cottage 705 454-1915, Res. 905 668-1400. A \$1 donation would be appreciated to help cover the cost. We ask that children are not dropped off and left unsupervised for safety reasons. Remember to bring a lawn chair.

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Spot the Shot

Spot the Shot #5 was obviously way too easy. Everybody and their unwanted guests knew right away that the gold rock isn't only fool's gold: it's the big yellow rock at the corner of the former Buckhorn Road and the aptly named Yellow Rock Road near Gooderham. The Selec-Toe-Matic was called in and the winner was Lynn Yamazaki of Toronto. She also wrote a nice note on pretty paper: "Dear Mr. Selec-Toe-Matic: At last! Something that I recognize! Spot the Shot is a fun contest – even if I never recognize anything. We borrowed your concept for one of the games at our lake regatta last year. (We were toying with possible variations – one of which was, as my husband's last name is Schott, pronounced 'Shot' – having him hiding in the underbrush in various photos, but he wasn't too keen on that." We'll be sending Lynn a cheque for \$25 and, by the way, Lynn, we think your husband should definitely hide in the underbrush at this year's regatta! The choices for sending your guess to Spot the Shot Headquarters are legion: email is colliffe@haliburtonecho.ca; fax is 705-457-3275; snail mail is Haliburton County Echo Box 360 Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0; or, if you feel like popping in, you can drop your guess in at the Echo office – it's the blue house at 146 Highland St. in Haliburton. But no phone calls, OK? The deadline for **Spot the Shot #6** (and this one is dead easy), the traffic sign, is July 7 at 5 p.m. The deadline for **Spot the Shot #7**, the funky window, is July 14. And, this one is pretty easy, too. Maybe even Lynn will know it... lol!



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"Look at young Jimmy's shoes Bob! Oh my, but they're putrid! He's undoing the laces and, gosh, even the flies are vacating the building. The

Toronto bound

Deception is the subject of theatrical debut

Story & photos by Lance Crossley

For someone so full of light and energy, Donna Gagnon is certainly not afraid to tackle dark subjects.

Deception – against the self and against a loved one – is the title and thorny subject of the Haliburton resident's debut theatrical production, which will be featured in July at the Toronto Fringe Festival.

"It's about deception on a lot of different levels," says a beaming Gagnon. "I'm trying to explore that difficulty."

The one-act play centres around a poet named Falina (played by Gagnon) and her daughter Charlotte, who has just discovered that her mother has been lying to her all her life regarding the identity of her real father. Self-deception is also explored in the character of Falina, who is incapable of simultaneously fulfilling her role as a mother and as an artist.

"How does a woman balance all this and can it be done? That's what I'm trying to explore."

Gagnon decided to enter the play into the fringe festival at the urging of a friend in Guelph. The festival used a lottery system to determine which 130 plays out of the 430 submissions would be staged, so Gagnon figures herself lucky to be given this opportunity. She had another stroke of luck when she gained one of the best venues in the festival – Toronto's intimate 200-seat Factory Theatre.

"It's perfect for this type of play because it's a very close-knit type of drama," says Gagnon.

It was through Gagnon's Guelph friend that Gagnon came into contact with the people who are now her cast mates and director. Since then, she has had to maintain a gruelling schedule in preparation for the production, travelling back and forth from Haliburton to Guelph three times a week for rehearsals.



Donna Gagnon will be starring in her own play, *Deception*, which will be staged at the Factory Theatre during the Toronto Fringe Festival.

"I'll be glad when we open in Toronto," says a remarkably non-fatigued Gagnon.

Gagnon has been acting in community theatre for the past 11 years in the Highlands but says she was concerned about writing and starring in her own play. Her fears quickly dissolved as rehearsals progressed, remarking that the more she delved into her character, the more she forgot that she had even written the play.

A mother of two, Gagnon has had to put her passion for writing on the back-

burner for sometime now. With her kids pretty well full grown, Gagnon has now been able to put flesh on story ideas that have typically gone no further than the confines of her mind.

"My writing was in a box but it was always in my head. I was always thinking of characters and stories but could never find the time to sit down and focus it."

Gagnon has traditionally focused on writing fiction and poetry and says it was difficult to adapt to the intricacies of playwriting. Instead of revealing

characters through descriptions, she now had to do it through dialogue, something that she says hasn't always been her forte. Nevertheless, it appears as though playwriting has caught on with Gagnon as she has already started writing her next play, another dark topic that deals with the five stages of grieving.

Deception will be ran at various times from July 7-16 at the Factory Theatre in Toronto. For more information call DaDo Productions at 457-1885 or The Fringe Hotline at (416) 966-1062.



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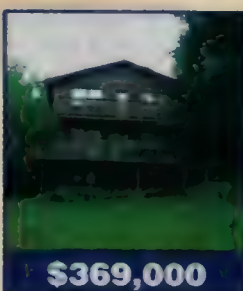


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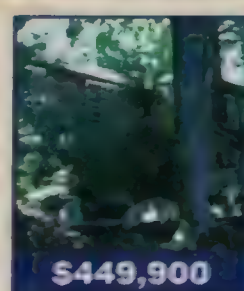
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1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons molasses
2 tablespoons bourbon
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
1 tsp Tabasco sauce
2 tsp minced garlic
24 medium shrimp peeled and deveined (about one pound)

Whisk together all the above items except the shrimp. Reserve one cup for a dipping sauce and refrigerate. Place the shrimp and the remaining dunk in a large self-sealing plastic bag. Seal the bag and shake to coat. Marinate in the refrigerator for at least 15 minutes or up to eight hours.

Soak 24 6-inch wooden skewers in water for at least 30 minutes; drain before using. Preheat a grill to medium high or the oven to 450°F.

Drain the shrimp. Thread one shrimp



onto each skewer. Place the skewers on oiled rack and grill uncovered for about 5 minutes, rotating the skewers frequently until the shrimp are pink. If using the oven, place the skewers on a baking sheet lined with aluminium foil and cover loosely with more foil. Bake for 5-7 minutes. Serve either warm room temperature or chilled with the reserved dunk.

Cherry Tomatoes Marinated Artichokes Hearts and Mozzarella

24 marinated artichoke hearts drained,

trimmed into three quarter pieces and chilled

2 tsp chopped fresh parsley
25 half-inch pieces mozzarella cheese, preferably fresh bocconcini
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
1/8 tsp ground pepper
Kosher salt to taste if necessary
24 small cherry tomatoes or 12 large halved

Choose 24 6-inch decorative or wooden skewers; if using wooden ones soak them in water for 30 minutes, then drain.

Place the artichokes in a bowl and sprinkle with the parsley. Toss very gently. Toss the mozzarella pieces in a separate bowl with the olive oil and pepper. Season with kosher salt if necessary.

To assemble thread an artichoke piece, followed by one cherry tomato half or whole, and a piece of mozzarella onto each skewer. Repeat the process until all the ingredients have been used. Transfer to a platter and serve.

Honeydew, Mint, and Kiwis with Lime Yogurt Dipping Sauce

Choose 24 6 inch wooden or decorative skewers; if using wooden ones, soak them in water for 30 minutes and drain before using.

To make the sauce: Combine the yogurt, orange juice concentrate and lime zest in a small bowl. Mix well. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes so the flavours will marry.

To assemble: Slide a piece of kiwi onto each skewers, followed by a mint leaf and a honeydew ball. Refrigerate until chilled. Serve with the yogurt dipping sauce.

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July 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29 and 30. Astronomy Program at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. You are welcomed to join a fascinating evening under the stars. Haliburton Forest Staff will lead you through the on-site, dark sky observatory to view and learn about the night sky. The outdoor program is held on clear nights. In case of cloudy nights, an exciting indoor, planetarium program awaits. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 705 754-2198

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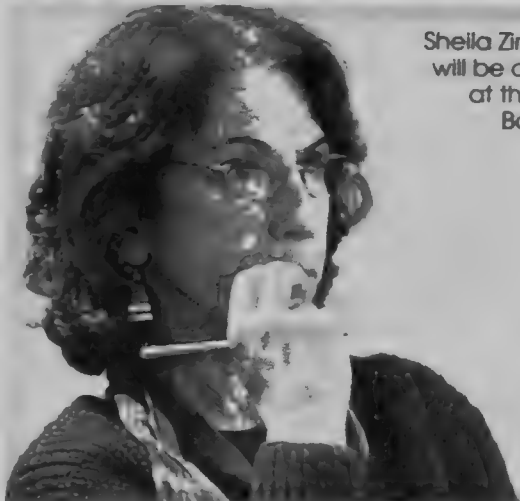
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July 5, 12, 19 and 26 Drop in Tennis for Fun. – From 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Stanhope Tennis Courts on North Shore Road. A chance for kids to play tennis and practise with other kids. We provide the basic skills needed to learn how to play and the partners to play with. The cost is \$1. For more information call 705 766-9968.

July 6 Art in the Street begins with Shelia Ziman in the Village Barn Square on Highland Street in Haliburton from 11-3. Stop by to see Ziman's wide variety of basketry techniques using natural materials collected in the Highlands: willow, grapevine, birch bark, pine needles, rush, cattails, and a variety of iris and lily leaves. She will also be demonstrating porcupine quillwork on birch bark. Watch for the bright yellow Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands canopy!

July 6, 13, 20 and 27 Kid's Fun Day – Every Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m., downstairs at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall. A day of crafts, games, cooking, sports, water fun and play time. Bring a lunch and, Halls Lake bathing suit for water play. The cost is \$20 for a full day and \$10 for a day. For more information call 705 766-9968.

July 6 Premiere! Shirley Valentine – Highlands Summer Theatre. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Curtain time: 8:00 p.m. sharp. For more information call 705 457-9933

July 6 Haliburton School of the Arts Visual Presentations – Presentations will be held in the Great Hall in the new campus every Wednesday from July 6 to August 17 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. The Evolutionary Process. Harold Klunder. Enjoy this biographical description of Harold's artistic and personal evolution within the context of the influences of time, place and other artists. Slides of his work from the 1970s to the present will be shown and his unique personal techniques and methods will also be represented.

July 6, 13, 20 and 27 Weekly Story Circle At 11:30 a.m. – Gooderham Library. For more information call 705 447-3161

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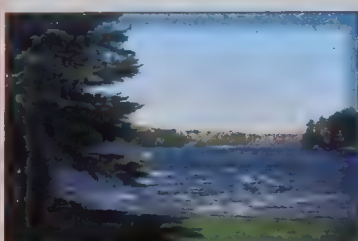
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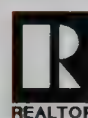
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Grace River

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Little Kennis

Three bedroom cottage. Open concept living room/dining room with cathedral ceilings, 10' x 30' deck & new septic. Deep water shore with deck at waters edge. **\$269,000**



Little Kennis - Custom Built - Viceroy Style

Very private property. 2 lake chain. Deep water off the dock. Lrg deck at water's edge. Yr-rd 3 BR cottage. Kit/DR finished in pine, pine cathedral ceiling & walls in the lrg LR. Wood stove & many windows. Lrg deck, cedar siding, block foundation. **\$285,000.00**



Imagine this view!

Winterized Viceroy cottage sits on north shore of Kennis Lake. Newer septic & deck. Very private. Stone walkway to lake. Deep water for great swimming. **Asking \$319,000**



Bitter Lake

Very nice & private setting off year round Municipal Rd with sand beach, great for swimming, on gently sloping lot. Lots of decks & large deck at the lake with good view. Open pine cathedral ceiling over living room area with many new upgrades. 1100 sq ft on nicely treed 0.95 acre lot with waterfront. **\$324,900**



Pine Lake

Custom 4 bedroom home with over 2000 sq ft of living space, pine cathedral ceilings, 2-4 pc baths & a finished basement has family rm with possible games rm. Access to a 3 lake chain & ground source heat with central air, 2 car garage & paved drive. **\$329,900**



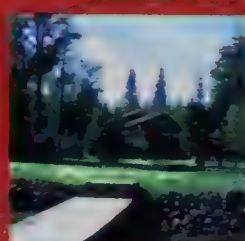
Wow, you have to see this one - Million Dollar View for 1/3 of the price!

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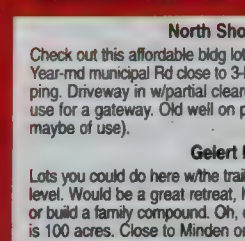


8 acres - 1350 ft shoreline Little Redstone

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North Shore Road

Check out this affordable bldg lot. Over 1/2 acre, level & treed. Year-rd municipal Rd close to 3-lake chain, golfing & shopping. Driveway in w/ partial cleared area to build your home or use for a gateway. Old well on property (not warranted but maybe of use). **\$19,500**

Geiert Road

Lots you could do here w/ the trails, mixed bush, total privacy & level. Would be a great retreat, hunting grounds & 4 wheeling or build a family compound. Oh, did I mention that this property is 100 acres. Close to Minden or Kinmount. **\$89,000**



50 acres near Minden

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Paddy's Bay

Newly developed waterfront lot on quite Paddy's Bay with boat access to Kennis Lake, hydro available. Lot is well forested, natural shoreline with sand beach. Driveway in. 75.5' x 3.2 acres **\$189,900.**



Kennisis Lake

See this great bldg lot. Several bldg sites offering spectacular views. Absolute priv on this 8 acre property. 800' shoreline varies w/ flat rock, sand pockets, large rock section & a point. Sheltered section for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point & set on the opposite shore. This

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white stripe right down the centre. They'll probably use our own Haliburton County summer sandals as a chassis and perhaps boiled cabbage for



Artist Gary Blundell's work will be at Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden (along with photography by John Etches). A reception will be held July 6.

Get busy!

July 6 Reception at 7:00 p.m. for Earth Pattern Exhibition – John Etches and Gary Blundell. Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Bobcaygeon Road, 0.5 km north of Gull River Bridge, 705 286-3763

July 7 Family Movie Night starting at 7 p.m. Stanhope Community Firefighters Hall, previously Club 35 in Halls Lake. Free Family fun! Free Popcorn! Movies are always based on family friendly viewing. Drinks and treats are on sale every night. Prizes and treats for contest winners. For more information call 705 766-9968

July 7 and July 21 Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Car Club – Minden at the Kawartha Dairy. From 6:30 p.m. to dusk

July 7, 14, 21 and 28 Wolf Howl at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd. starting at 8:00 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to hear the howl of the wolf. The evening starts with a presentation about wolves, dispelling some of the many myths surrounding the elusive creatures. The program ends with a wolf howl. The cost is \$1.00 For more information call 705 754-2198.

July 7, 14, 21, and 28 Walk-About at the Haliburton School of The Arts – From 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., students, family, friends and community members are welcome to visit classrooms to see the work in progress and talk with the instructors.

July 7, 14, 21 and 28 Haliburton Women's Soccer – Sunday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fish Hatchery in Haliburton. For more information contact Jennifer Kidd at 705 457-9393.

July 7, 14, 21 and 28 Summer Square Dance – 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Stanhope Firefighter's Hall, north Shore Road, just east of Hwy. 35. Admission: \$10/couple \$5/single; Guest callers; visiting dancers welcome: casual dress; tea, coffee cookies. Contact Garth Kellett 705 286-4434

July 8, 9 and 10 Harcourt Days 6th Annual Mixed Three Pitch Tournament. Games will start Friday evening, July 8 at approximately 7:00 p.m., and resume Saturday morning at 8:00 am, and Sunday around 11:00 am. Teams are guaranteed two scheduled games. Entry Fee: \$250 per team (balls supplied). All proceeds to be used for Harcourt community improvements. Sponsored by the Harcourt Community Centre. Hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries will be available and a beer garden will operate Saturday and

Sunday. There are washroom facilities on the grounds, and ample parking. For more information or to enter your team, contact Val Smith 705 448 3640, e-mail: melsmith31@hotmail.com

July 8 Friday Night Big Bingo – At the Harcourt Community Centre on Community Centre Road. Sponsored by the Harcourt Bingo Committee. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 7:00 p.m. Two \$1,000 jackpots! Contact Debbie Shatraw 705 448-3155

July 8, 15, 22 and 29 Guided Heritage Walking Tour of Minden. At the Minden Hills Museum, corner of Bobcaygeon Road (Main Street) and Parkside, just north of the bridge, right side, in Minden. Leaves the museum at 10:30 am and returns at noon. Admission: \$2.00/person. A costumed guide leads you along the streets of Minden, recounting stories from the past, illustrated with photos so you can compare then to now. Wear comfortable shoes and bring an umbrella in case of inclement weather. For more information, call the museum 705 286-3154

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July 8 Highland Games Celidh at 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Mountain Street, across from the arena, village of Haliburton. Admission \$6.00

July 8, 9 and 10 Take A Kid Fishing – Ontario Family Fishing Weekend. For these three days only, Canadian residents can enjoy the fun of fishing in Ontario without a license. Three FULL days Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Conservation license limits apply if you are fishing without a license. Visit the website at <http://www.familyfishingweekend.com> for a list of fishing events planned for this weekend.

July 8, 15, 22 and 29 Look, See, Paint! In Algonquin Park – A unique watercolour painting program which allows the non-artist, the beginning artist and the experienced artist alike to discover new artistic talents. All materials provided. Space is limited. Register at the Algonquin Visitors' Centre (43 km from west gate, 613 637-2828). Participants convene at the Cache Lake parking lot at km 23 along Hwy. 60 from west gate.

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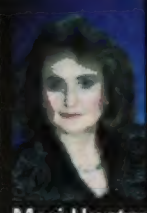


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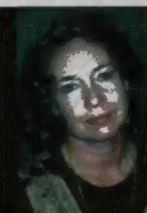


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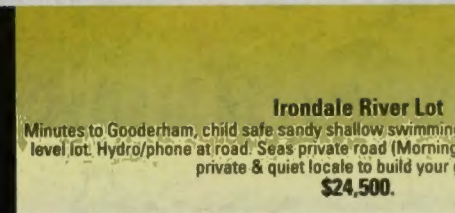


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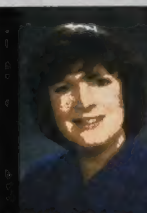


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Irondale River Lot

Minutes to Gooderham, child safe sandy shallow swimming, 127 ft frg, east exp, fully treed level lot. Hydro/phone at road. Seas private road (Morning Glory Lane) only 3 neighbours, private & quiet locale to build your getaway. **\$24,500.**

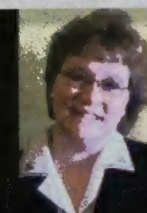


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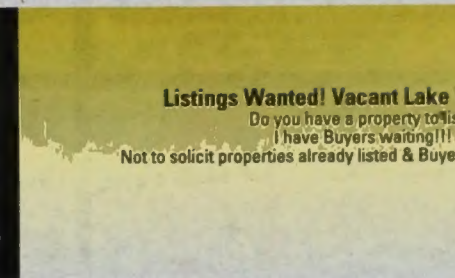


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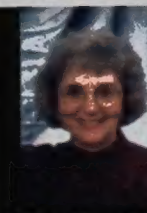


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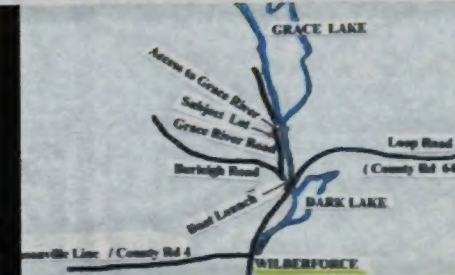


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COUNTY ROAD #4 \$29,900.
Great building lot overlooking small lake. Well treed and private with 200' frontage. Gentle slope, good building site. Year round road. Easy access to Cockle Lake. **Erin Nicholls ext. 26**



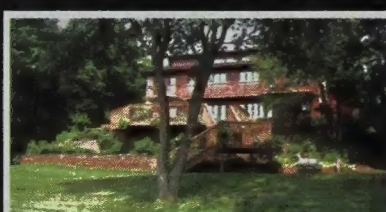
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NEW LISTING!
LONG & MISKWABI \$229,900.
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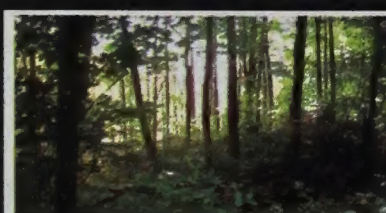
SOLD!
LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE \$99,900.
Not many of these left! Great waterfront lot with over 100 feet of frontage, easy access off township road, sunny southern exposure, elevated view, and well treed. Won't last long! **Kerrie Farr & Shirley Rule**



NEW LISTING!
CLOSE TO HALIBURTON \$238,500.
Country home on 11 acres of mixed bush within 5km of Haliburton Village. Private setting, level lot. Hdwd flrs, walkout deck. Full bsmt, partly finished w/ family room & BR. Shows pride of owners! **Wilfred VanLieshout ext. 27**



SOYERS LAKE \$699,000.
Amazing property with approx. 160' of waterfront. Total privacy on a naturally landscaped lot w/ stone waterfalls, fish pond, huge deck & deep water at shore, expansive lake view & S exposure! Custom designed cottage w/ stone fp, hrdwd flrs, & w/o bsmt. **Derrell & Kim Stamp ext. 24**



COUNTY ROAD #6 \$39,000.
Great building lot in West Guilford fronting on County Road #6. Driveway already installed. Ready for your new home. **Paul Szpik ext. 31**



HALIBURTON HOME \$169,000.
Wonderful family home in great location! Just minutes from downtown Haliburton yet a private & well treed lot! Super 3 br home w/ spacious country kitchen. Large 4 piece bath. Full bsmt w/ ample room for family room. Large front deck & level lot. **Derrell & Kim Stamp ext. 24**



MISKWABI LAKE \$459,000.
Where else can you find more than 1/3 of a mile of lakefront that offers so many advantages at this price? 5 acres on a very clean lake, sand and deep water, mature trees, spectacular lake view and ultimate privacy. Look no further! **Frank Wilson ext. 30**



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July 9 and 10 Strawberry Social – Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn, Gelert. From 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 705 286-3202

July 9 Harcourt Baseball Tournament Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Harcourt Community Centre on Community Centre Road. Band: Timber Tom and the Crosscuts. Age of majority in effect

July 9 Haliburton Highland Games – Head Lake Park, Haliburton. Heavy events and highland dancing, border collie, sheep herding, a host of children's activities and day-long stage entertainment; parade, massed bands; all-day beef BBQ. Admission: \$10. Children under 16 are free.

July 9 Dorset Kid's Fish Derby at the Public Dock, Sat. July 9. For kid's 12 & under accompanied by an adult. Registration 9 - 9:30 a.m., Judging: 9 to 10 a.m. Prize ceremony: 11 a.m. Tons of prizes for "kooky secret categories" Hint: funniest fishing hat. Hosted by the Dorset Recreation Committee. Details: drc@vianet.ca or 705-766-9968.

July 9 The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network (HHWEN) will host "Breakfast with Linwood Barclay" at the Delta Pinestone Resort. Author and humour columnist for The Toronto Star, Barclay is a master at motivating writers and entertaining all with his tips on writing humour and writing about what you know. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. will be a full buffet affair. For more info., call Kay Millard at 286-6635 or visit www.hhwen.org.

July 9 Elvis and Friends – starring Las Vegas singer and impersonator Joe Fischer. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. This is a licensed event. Tickets are available at the Community Care office. For info, call 457-2941. All proceeds go to Community Care Haliburton County.

July 9 and 10 Annual Mixed 3-pitch Tournament in Harcourt. For more information call Mel Smith at 705 448-3640

July 9, 10 and 23, 24 Kayak Weekend Instruction Clinics – Gull River Training Centre, Minden Wild Water Preserve. This

introductory kayak clinic is directed to first time paddlers or for those who wish to improve their basic kayaking skills. The course is designed as an introduction to recreational kayaking. The skills you will learn can be used for whitewater, touring or sea kayaking. For more information call 705 748-6534 or 1888 322-2849

July 9 Breakfast with Linwood Barclay, – 9:30 a.m. at the Delta Pinestone Resort, Hwy. 121 in Haliburton. Tickets are \$12 and include



Linwood Barclay visits Haliburton July 9.

a big buffet breakfast. Linwood Barclay, author, journalist, memoirist and hilarious speaker writes a very popular column for the Toronto Star. His recent book, Last Resort: Coming of Age in Cottage Country, won an award of merit from The Stephen Leacock Associates and was short listed for the

Award for Humour. If you like to write, or if you just enjoy a good laugh, don't miss Linwood's talk on Writing Humour and Writing What You Know. To reserve, call 705-286-6635 or e-mail [HYPERLINK "mailto:info@hhwen.org"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:info@hhwen.org) info@hhwen.org. This event is the AGM of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network www.hhwen.org. Everyone welcome!

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July 9 to August 6 (5 consecutive Saturdays) The Creation Station – The Common Room at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. FREE. The Creation Station is a unique art experience based on the .0 method for children's creativity. This 5 week program is designed to introduce children to the wonderful activity of painting as a process of exploration. Open to children

Still sitting there?

ages 6 to 12 the program will take place at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden in the Common room. There are 2 sessions running from 9:30 am to 11:00 am and 11:30 am to 1:00 p.m. The program is free due to a grant from the Minden Hills Cultural Foundation and supported by TD Canada Trust and the generous donation of space by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Each session is limited to 10 participants and will be filled on a first come first served basis. For more information call Shelley King at 705 448-889. Registration forms available at the gallery and at the Minden Public Library.

July 9 Book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to Sharpley Sports in downtown Haliburton. Proceeds for the Haliburton Hospital's Ladies Auxiliary projects.

July 11 Premiere! The Affections of May – Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Curtain time: 8:00 sharp. For more information call 705 457-9933

July 11 Minden Hills Museum – Victorian Afternoon Teas, begin at noon. Enjoy fancy sandwiches and delicate desserts while you are being entertained in the Bowron Log Home. Cookbook included. Reservations a must. Call 286-3154.

July 11, 18 and 25 Beach Craft for Kids – From 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. At the Elvin Johnson Park on Halls Lake. Kids pay \$1 to make a craft at the

beach. Each week is a different craft. For more information call 705 766-9968

July 11 and 22 Victorian Afternoon Tea – At the Minden Hills Museum, of Bobcaygeon Road (Main Street) and Parkside, just north of the bridge, right side, in Minden. Enjoy fancy sandwiches & delicate desserts while you are being entertained in the Bowron Log Home. Complimentary Cookbook Included. Reservations a must. \$10 per person. For more information call 705 286-3154

July 13 Wildlife CSI: 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6721 County Rd 1. This family-oriented program is filled with hand on activities which will familiarize participants with various aspects of wildlife identification using DNA, tracks, furs, skulls and so much more! Participants will become the investigators, examining clues and following evidence to determine the "who done it" in a wildlife crime scene. To register call the government information centre in Minden, 286-1521, or e-mail Shirley.Davidson@mnr.gov.on.ca

July 13 Premiere! Dances With Wolfgang – Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Curtain time: 8:00 sharp. For more information call 705 457-9933

July 13 to 15 Maple syrup producers from all over Ontario will be coming to the Minden Arena for their annual convention The Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association's Summer Tour includes business meetings, round-table discussions, workshops, bus tours to maple facilities in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes, a banquet and a trade show. The trade show is open to public on July 13 and 14. Call 455-9999.

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Gull Lake - \$299,000

Well maintained 4 BR Victorian style cottage on year round road. Prime natural lot, clean shoreline deep water in area of upscale cottages. Call Al Mayo.



Anson St., Minden - \$137,500

JUST LISTED - Well maintained 3 bedroom bungalow on quiet residential street. Access to Gull River nearby. Private setting, value priced. Call Al Mayo.



Kushog Lake \$174,500

3 BR home on 7 acres w/access to Kushog across Hwy. Clean shoreline, private location, just finished in your dreams. Call Al Mayo.



Hobby Farm \$259,000

4 BR quality home on 5 acres with barn & outbuildings, small pond, private setting, great for family living & hobby farm. Call Al Mayo.

88 Acres - Township Road
Just listed! 88 acres with over 3000 ft on Twp. Road. Nicely treed includes gravel pit. Call Al Mayo for further details.



Margaret Lake - \$159,000

3 bedroom cottage on prime natural lot on much sought after Margaret Lake. Only 12 cottages on the lake. Subject property has Crown land on one side and at back. Short trip by boat or canoe from the landing. Includes all contents except personal. Call Al Mayo for details.

New Listing



GULL RIVER ... \$168,000.

4 season home/cottage loc. in heart of Highlands. Fully furn. just bring your selves. 3 bdrms., nicely landscaped w/child friendly beach & great fishing. Close to golfing & down hill skiing in winter.

New Listing



4 BEDROOM HOME ... \$229,000.

Lovely fam. home outside of Minden. 3+1 bdrm. fully fin. bsmt. w/att. garage. New features last 5 yrs: oak kit., ceramic tile, 2 prop. FPs, septic, windows, shingles & ext. doors. Kids lge. & small can swim in pool, soak in hot tub.



SOUTH LAKE, WATERFRONT HOME ... \$244,900.

Yr. rnd. home/cottage w/combination kitchen/living & dining rm. Cath. ceilings and a stunning view right up the lake. Flat lot, good shoreline that's great for kids. Plus a single det. garage. Call Denise.



MINDEN GULL RIVER ... \$229,000.

Raised bungalow built 2003 fronting on Gull River, boat to town or Gull Lk. Bright spacious home features comb. LR/DR & kit. overlooking river. Oak cupboards & lam. flooring along w/full basement.

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though, at least this activity doesn't stink half as bad.



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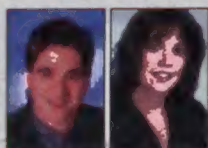
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RIVERFRONT HOME

3 bdrm riverfront home w/full bsmt situated on a 1.55 acre lot w/swimmable frontage. Laminate flooring throughout, sunken livingroom nice & bright, neat & clean.

\$139,900



HALIBURTON HOME

Ideal location! 3 bdrm, 4 pc bath, full bsmt, situated on a 1.4 acre lot within a 5 minute walk to town. Vinyl siding, well, septic, 200 amp hydro, laundry, central vac.

ONLY \$179,000



Bill Kulas*
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BIG BOSHUNG LAKE

The ultimate in privacy! Natural Algonquin type property. Fabulous western sunset vista! Rocky shoreline w/great docking & superb swimming. Charming 3 bdrm cottage w/sleeping cabin, boathouse & sauna. Miles of boating on this large 3 lake chain

\$489,500



SCOTCH LINE ROAD, MINDEN

Private country setting, yet only minutes from town. Spacious, open concept bungalow w/full bsmt, large covered porch & newly built 2 car detached garage. Finished family room. Main floor music room/den. Hardwood flooring on main level. Value priced! Many extras!

\$159,500



Ken Barry** &
Deb Deremo*
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GRASS LAKE

Want to be on a 5-lake chain? This beautiful 2 bdrm cottage/home is totally finished inside & out, on a new block perimeter wall foundation. Pine interior, large picture windows, open concept, maintenance-free siding, large wrap-around front deck, covered porch, western exposure.

\$325,000



WEST GUILFORD

Beautiful 3 bdrm home, recently renovated, shows to perfection. With character & charm, it features country-sized kit & dining area, hardwood, carpet & ceramic flooring, finished family room, office space, sunroom, decks, heated double detached garage. Apple trees, wild roses & perennial gardens enhance over 3 acres on a private country setting, minutes from town.

\$219,900



Cathy Lancia*
754-4242

VALUE PACKAGE!

193' sand w/ western exposure. 2900 sq ft of new Eco Log construction. Stone fireplace custom pine kit, hardwood floors throughout bdrms, 2 w/suites + 2 other bdrms. Solid pine interior doors. 3 complete washrooms. Fairly level, treed property w/beach on a y-rd municipal road. Interior will be completed prior to closing.

\$649,700



RELAX & ENJOY THIS YEAR-ROUND PROPERTY

30 x 30 garage. High efficiency furnace. Napoleon woodstove & laundry. Recently renovated bldg incl. Burber carpet, Pine trim & lrg master suite w/soaker tub & heat lamp. 1400 sq ft, almost level lot w/100 ft frontage. Sandy & rock for shallow & deep entry. Dock at water's edge.

\$475,000



Geoff Bunn* &
Miranda Newman*
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HALIBURTON LAKE

Exceptional 4 season cottage located on a point lot w/a breathtaking view of Haliburton Lake. Rock & sand shoreline w/a cement retaining wall & walk way. Very well maintained cottage w/a stone wood burning fireplace. This cottage can be used year round w/a newer high efficiency oil furnace. For more information call Geoff or Miranda.

\$299,000



GREAT STARTER HOME

Great starter home for your finishing touches. Cute one bedroom home located close to the town of Gooderham, on a pretty lot. Many extra features included. Great opportunity for do-it-yourself buyers. For more information call Geoff or Miranda.

\$75,000



Rick Lowes*
286-2911

HALIBURTON-BY-THE-LAKE

Custom built 3 bedroom home with an attached 2 car garage and a full basement. All kinds of extras and upgrades. Call now!

\$269,900



KUSHOG LAKE

Executive 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage/home. Gorgeous sunset view. Comes with a top-of-the-line hot tub, bass boat, plus lots more.

\$419,900



Fred Chapple*
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HURRY! HURRY!

A 4 season cottage/home w/a 1 mile view down the lake. Nestled among tall white pines with a boat-house/bunkie, this property, drilled well, septic, level lot. Close to Minden. Call Fred Chapple

\$158,500



A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning -- start your own home business. Call Fred Chapple

\$124,900

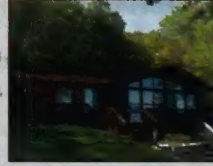


Karen Nimigon*
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KASHAGAWIGAMOG 5 LAKE CHAIN

Immaculate 4 season cottage w/3 bdrms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, pine walls, cathedral ceiling. Terraced lot w/gardens, sand shoreline, big lake view, bunkie/shed, garage. Call Karen ext. 224

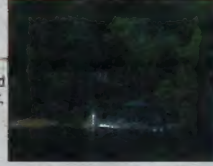
\$549,500



SOYERS LAKE 5 LAKE CHAIN

4 season, 4 bdrm cottage, 2 entertaining areas w/propane fireplace, 2 baths, gorgeous sand shoreline, crib dock, w/o basement, garage, carport, shed/bunkie. Call Karen ext. 224

\$529,900



Victor Disik*
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GULL RIVER

Newly finished Viceroy located in Minden with access to amenities. Corner lot with good privacy. Bright & cheerful

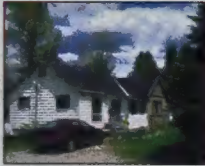
\$198,000



WARM AND COZY

Conveniently located between Minden & Haliburton, this 3 bedroom home boasts 36 acres having a mature hardwood bush and stream.

\$125,000

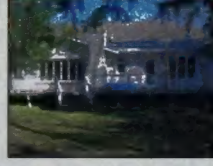


Tom** & Gail*
Tempest*
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CANNING LAKE

Beautiful waterfront home on Canning Lake. Part of Haliburton County's 5 lake chain. Huge deck, insulated bunkie & large 3 bay garage for all of the toys. Hardwood floors, modern oak kitchen, huge windows. Fabulous!

\$349,000



MAPLE LAKE BEAUTY

Year round custom log home with many upgrades. Immaculate inside & out. Large wrap around deck, southern exposure with sand beach and large dock across the road.

\$262,500



Vince Duchene**
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IRONDALE COTTAGE/HOME

Irondale cottage/home on 110 acres. Private setting overlooking beaver pond/marsh and a breathtaking granite rockcliff.

\$174,770



LOON LAKE

Gorgeous level lot with golden sand beach & year round access. Also includes a 3 bedroom cottage, open kitchen/living room/dining room & fabulous view.

\$299,900



Elizabeth Thompson*
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HALIBURTON SOUTH KASHAGAWIGAMOG

Hilltop home - 2+1 raised bungalow, full w/o basement, LR/DR combo, pine accents, cathedral ceilings, att. garage, hot tub, balcony & decks, landscaped gardens, bunkie, steel roofs, great family home.

\$216,000



CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lk, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lge loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$239,000



Lenor Fulton* &
Tracy Ackertblade*
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KUSHOG LAKE ROAD ACREAGE

This very private 20 acre lot has the driveway installed, drilled well & cleared building site. A site inspection report for a sewage system permit has been obtained. Call Tracy or Lenor.

\$59,500



HORSESHOE LAKE

Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bedroom Viceroy home/cottage with large windows and sunroom on 155' of lakefront with dock. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop, new oil tank and furnace inspection in 2003.

\$399,900



Ted Vasey*
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BOSHUNG LAKE

Spectacular view from this well maintained 3 bedroom cottage, open concept w/o livingroom to deck. Many upgrades such as windows, septic, hydro. Lakefront deck & dock. Beautiful sunsets from here.

OFFERED AT \$349,000



INGOLDSBY

Very well maintained 1800 sq. ft. bungalow. Modern oak kitchen & island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, pine family room, new cedar bathroom & jacuzzi tub, newer windows, new shingled roof. 3 bedrooms, garage. Short walk to lake access.

ASKING \$189,000

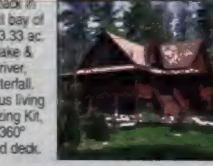


Julie Gray* &
Marilyn Hawley*
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PRIVACY & LUXURY ON REDSTONE LAKE

Unique property set back in total privacy on quiet bay of Redstone. Boasts 33.33 ac. w/200' frontage on the lake & approx. 800' on the river, yr-round sounds of waterfall. 4000 sq ft of luxurious living space, incl. an amazing kit, 3 full baths, 3 BRs, 360° wrap around covered deck. + many extras.

\$895,000



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

BUILDING & LAND ONLY. Commercial prop on Main St. of Haliburton Village, across from Municipal Pkg lot & Head Lake Park. 4,912 sq ft building space incl. office, large finished showrm, spacious eat-in kit., 2nd storey space, heated w/shops, 3-bay garage + 3 washrooms. Lrg parking area at rear of bldg. Well, municipal sewer & new oil tank.

\$495,000



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911

GELERT ROAD

Great location between Haliburton & Minden. Well maintained 3 bdrm/2 bath home features: sunken living room with hardwood floors & skylights, dining area 2/bay window, full finished w/o basement, detached garage and so much more! Call Melanie for full details.

\$249,900



CARNARVON

Charming 2 bdrm & den home on a level lot within walking distance of all amenities. Large barn with loft. Features include: jacuzzi tub, skylight, propane fireplace and private deck.

\$119,000



Linda Beachli***
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EAGLE LAKE FARM

Enjoy this large country home on 78 acres of highlands with barn and greenhouse. There are lots of options with this beautiful property.

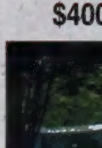
\$329,900



TEDIOUS LAKE

Wonderful southern exposure with 900 feet of waterfront. Enjoy this from the quaint cottage nestled in the trees.

ONLY \$199,900

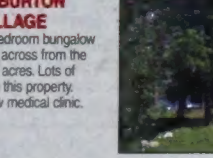


Peter Brady**
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HALIBURTON VILLAGE

Beautiful 3 bedroom bungalow in Haliburton across from the hospital on 7 acres. Lots of potential with this property. Opposite new medical clinic.

\$400,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Watch the sun set and share the beauty. This 4 bedroom home on a double lot also has a bunkie and 3 bay garage. Lots of room for the guests.

\$699,000

